

REMARKS

Claims 6-10 are pending. By this response, claims 1-5 and 11 are cancelled. Claims 6-10 are amended. Reconsideration and allowance based on the above amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the indication of claims 6-10 as containing allowable subject matter.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Satoshi et al. (JP 63-095742) and claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Satoshi, in view of Katsuaki (JP 04-093910). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants note that claims 1-5 and 11 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection of the claims is now moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Also, applicants submit that claim 6 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2, its base claim. Therefore, claim 6 is now independent and in condition for allowance. Claims 7-10 depend from claim 6, therefore, the application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

CONCLUSION

If any questions arise regarding the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Chad J. Billings (Reg. No. 48,917), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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